

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

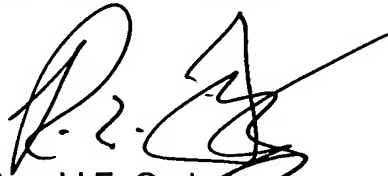
**Page 31**, please substitute the attached Abstract of the Disclosure for the abstract as originally filed.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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5 The present invention relates to a method for operating a fuel metering system  
(11) of a direct-injection internal combustion engine, having a fuel supply container, at  
least one prefeed pump a high-pressure pump assembly having at least two high-  
pressure pumps for pumping fuel out of the low-pressure region into at least one high-  
pressure reservoir , a control unit for regulating an injection pressure prevailing in the  
high-pressure reservoir , and having fuel injection valves for injecting fuel out of the  
high- pressure reservoir into combustion chambers of the engine. In order especially  
in engines with large displacement and in engines with more than four cylinders to  
10 assure reliable supply of fuel to the combustion chambers, it is proposed that the fuel  
metering system has one fuel circuit for metering fuel into all the combustion chambers  
of the engine, and all the high- pressure pumps are disposed in the fuel circuit, and that  
all the high-pressure pumps are triggered independently of one another via a common  
pressure regulating circuit.

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